Site M:26/10/18

England's Cottage

15 West Montgomery Avenue

Restricted - Private

Built: 1872

The steeply pitched cross gable roof with its bracketed cornice illustrates the Victorian cottage style of this house. The rear facade has been heavily enlarged and altered to accommodate 40 years of office use. The building is now covered with grained vinyl siding except under the shallow pillared entrance portico (a later addition).

Merchant and Post Master, John England owned nearly half the block in the late 19th century. He outgrew this residence cottage and built a larger one fronting on Washington Street. This corner has always been commercial; small brick stores were once located on both sides of this structure, and its construction in 1872 replaced a log structure dating from 1795.

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> This 1872 Bracketed Victorian cottage is situated on lot 23 of the original town plat. It fronts on West Montgomery Avenue (formerly Commerce Lane) immediately adjacent to commercial buildings on Washington Street.

The south (main) facade of the original 2 1/2 story, 5 bay by 2 bay block with flush end chimneys, parged stone foundation and gable roof is relatively unaltered. A steeply pitched central gable breaks the cornice line at the center of this facade. The heavy cornice is scroll bracketed and partially returned. Under the center gable a Gothic window of pointed arch shape decorates the gable peak. The second floor front windows retain the original architrave and have wide lintels with cap molding. Windows on the first and second floors are two over two double hung sash.

The central raised entry porch is under a shallow portico with later Colonial Revival round columns. The wood and glass paneled door has a ribbon transom and sidelights of one narrow glass pane over molded wooden panel. The brick steps are recent replacements.

Some of the early wide clapboard is evident under the protection of the porticoed entry. The remainder of the house has been covered twice---once inasbestos shingle siding and recently with modern vinyl siding. The femestration on the other three sides has also been altered, with several windows covered. A bulk head cellar door is present on the east side. To enclose

The large rear 2  $\times$  3 bay addition runs perpendicular to the main block. It has been altered several times since the building's conversion to office use, most recently with a mansard-style roof and metal exterior stairway.

There is a (new) white picket fence along West Montgomery Avenue, and the west (side) yard is paved for parking.

<sup>1.</sup> Montgomery County Judgment Records, Liber 1817-1823, folio 90 and folio 257 contains testimony regarding this lot, reciting that a "log house was built on this site c. 1795; that Upton Beall had purchased half the lot in 1814 and that there were also a tavern and shops located there from time to time. Lot 24, the site of the later England House was purchased by Phillip Jenkins in 1787 (Liber C, folio 671)

<sup>2.</sup> Land Records, JGH9/318 and EBP 8/227

<sup>3.</sup> England family information from genealogical and family files at Montgomery County Historical Society

Land Records, EBP 8/361. The remainder of lot 23 was purchased from Margaret Beall for \$300 in 1876 (EBP 16/5)

<sup>5.</sup> Montgomery County Sentinel, October 4, 1872

Land Records, 4643/458 (1975)

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John G. England, Sr. came to Montgomery County around 1830 and served in the Maryland Legislature 1839-1841.3 John, Sr. and his son married into branches of the Crabb-Howard, Griffith and Wilcoxen families, all early settlers and large landowners in the County. John G. England, Jr. came into possession of the old tavern and house lots #23 and #24 which were given to his wife by her Aunt Ursula Wilcoxen.4 England built this house in 1872, "a two-story frame house on his lot fronting on Commerce Lane a few yards west of the Post Office". Since John and his wife (Ann Griffith) had 15 children, they soon after built a larger one at the north end of lot #24, fronting on Washington Street. John England was Postmaster for 16 years, Mayor of Rockville in 1894 and on the City Council from 1898 to 1902.

The house remained in the England family until 1950. It was then purchased by Will Stackhouse, who owned it for approximately 20 years and used it as his insurance office. His heirs sold it to Robert White, who added the rear block and made other interior and exterior alterations. Since then the property has changed hands several times.

(FOOTNOTES CONTINUED ON OPPOSITE PAGE)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. 7 26/10/18

Montgomery County Land, Tax & Judgment Records
Maps: 1865 Martinet & Bond; 1879 Hopkins Atlas; 1917 Klinge Real Estate
Montgomery County Sentinel

Family genealogies of England and allied families

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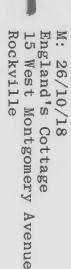
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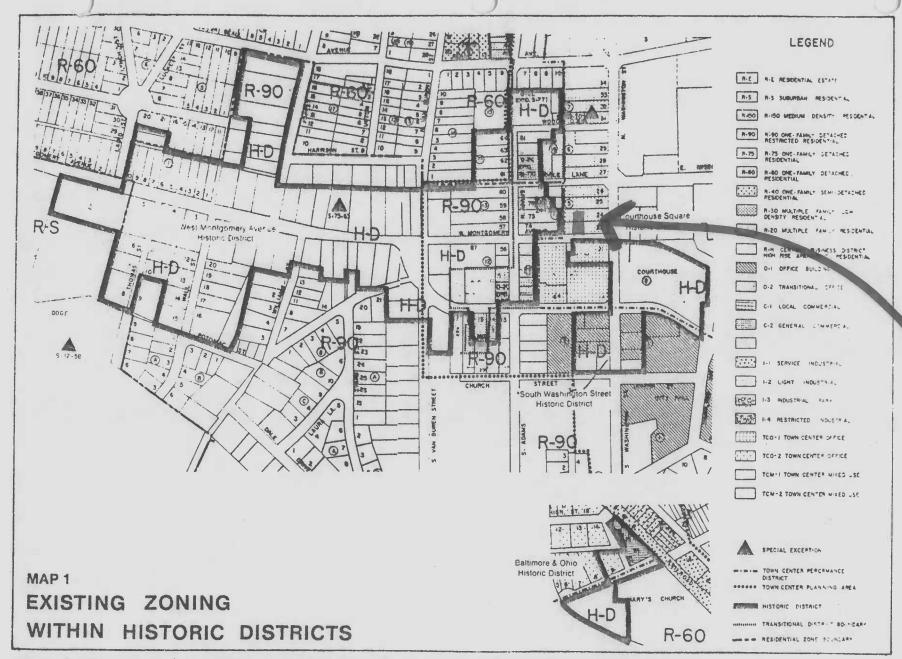
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<sup>\*</sup>Note: For discussion and planning purposes South Washington Street and the Courthouse Square district are considered independent Historic Districts even though they are shown on the existing zoning map as one district.



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